

**ABBNEYFIELD  
SCHOOL**  
*Creative  
Education  
Trust*

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**AMBITIOUS TO ACHIEVE**

Creativity Honesty Independence Resilience Respect Responsibility



“There is a wide range of academic and vocational subjects available for pupils to study at GCSE level and in the Sixth Form.”

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“Teachers push you to do your best.”

SIXTH FORM STUDENT

## WELCOME TO ABBEYFIELD SIXTH FORM

Dear future Abbeyfield Sixth Former,

Abbeyfield is a very special place, both to study and work. Anyone who visits us acknowledges the welcoming and positive atmosphere and I am proud that this extends into the Sixth Form. We are a team, students and staff. We welcome many of our Year 11 students back and have increasing numbers join us from other schools.

We pride ourselves on the high expectations that we set for ourselves as staff but also for the young adults in our Sixth Form. This is evident in our behaviour code, our dress code and the ever-improving results our students achieve. Students leave us having made very good progress, achieving the high grades needed to secure places at top universities including Oxford and Cambridge or secure a prestigious apprenticeship or offer of employment. This is testament to the commitment and talents of our students and our Sixth Form teaching staff, who always challenge our learners to be the best they can.

We have fantastic Sixth Form facilities. In addition to the superb whole school facilities such as the theatre, lecture theatre and super learning centre, our main split-level modern study room is a great place for independent study work, with computers and laptops exclusively for Sixth



Form use. The second study space contains individual study booths and a larger conference table for group work, as well as kitchen facilities.

At Abbeyfield we understand that school is not just about exams and results. We want to send you off into the world as well-rounded citizens prepared to take your place in society. There is an extensive range of enrichment opportunities in place all designed to help you challenge yourself to be the best you can be. We also provide high quality pastoral support from our experienced Sixth Form management team and tutors.

I am sure that lots of people will tell you that A Levels are very difficult, and they are right. It is the most significant educational leap you will make. Abbeyfield staff will provide you with the support, advice and encouragement to ensure that you can achieve your personal best alongside forging life-long friendships, enjoying the opportunities we offer and getting exceptional support with your post school plans. I am delighted that you are interested in finding out more about Abbeyfield Sixth Form and I look forward to meeting you.

Miss C. Wawrzesta

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# WHY ABBEYFIELD? THINGS TO KNOW

## CURRICULUM

At Abbeyfield we have an exciting choice of pathways. Students who wish to follow a pathway that could lead to University are invited to apply to study at least three of our A Level subjects. In addition to A Level courses, we also have a number of vocational courses on offer. Students are welcome to apply for these in conjunction with our A Level subjects. This curriculum offer is designed to provide our students with a wider, more rounded provision, as well as ensuring they have an edge when moving on after their studies. Students will be supported in how to plan and organise their time to balance their workload. Information on all our courses is available in our course guidance.

New for September 2023 we have the highly anticipated Football Academy and the Performing Arts Academy. These pathways utilise our outstanding facilities and offer students the opportunity to study in depth courses alongside working with industry professionals to gain invaluable experience that will launch their careers beyond Abbeyfield into working in their chosen field.

“The school’s systems for pastoral care and support are strong.”

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“Leaders are determined to help pupils achieve their best.”

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## ENRICHMENT

We believe that our students should leave us ready to take their place in the world, the very best version of themselves that they can be. In order to facilitate this, we offer and encourage a wide range of opportunities, which include;

- Trips and social events
- Trust wide competitions and performances
- Extra-curricular opportunities
- Assemblies with visiting speakers and staff, as well as those run by the students themselves
- Careers interviews and opportunities to meet industry experts from local businesses
- Links to local businesses and charities for volunteering opportunities
- Access to the Abbeyfield Alumni to provide advice and support
- Student Leadership opportunities
- Tutor sessions which include planning time, team building activities, student teaching opportunities, next steps support, employability and life skills
- Enrichment lessons to cover social and cultural issues such as politics, relationships, personal safety, financial planning and more
- Community service supporting our staff or students across the school
- Optional PE lessons and fitness sessions.

## PASTORAL CARE

We will regularly ask you for feedback on your learning experience, as well as your wellbeing. We will monitor your progress to ensure we are giving you the best chance of success. We pride ourselves on getting to know all our students individually and being able to support them with personal or academic mentoring, pastoral care and wellbeing programmes. With our tutors and the Sixth Form Team, there is always someone to go to for support.

## BEYOND SIXTH FORM

There are several options available to you after Sixth Form, the main three of which are outlined below. Our Next Steps programme is exceptional. We support our students to make the right choice for themselves as an individual and to progress in their chosen career direction. It is never too early to start thinking about what you would like to go on to do after Sixth Form. We organise events for Year 12 students to go through their options and run a launch programme for this.

**UNIVERSITY ROUTE** - Continue to study for a degree, (including at Russell Group or Oxbridge universities), to open doors to many graduate positions and professions. We have a thorough UCAS process which provides students with the best chances of successful applications.

**APPRENTICESHIP ROUTE** - Combine work and study with on the job training, leading to a qualification in a particular field.

**EMPLOYMENT ROUTE** - Begin to make your way in the world with a job and financial independence.



“I’ve developed a really good work ethic through the support, guidance and encouragement on offer.”

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“One of the best things is the increase in independence to help you get ready for the wider world.”

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“Relationships between pupils and staff are positive.”

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## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To secure your place at Abbeyfield Sixth Form you will need to achieve five or more GCSE passes at grade 4 or above. Your results will determine the course we guide you towards, from BTEC subjects to A Levels, or a combination of both. Our offer includes facilitating subjects as defined by the Russell Group Universities.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

**DECEMBER** Submit Expression of Interest Form  
Option Blocks constructed around students' interests

**JANUARY** Complete Application Form online

**SPRING TERM** Attend an interview  
Receive confirmation of offer of a place

**SUMMER TERM** Work hard to achieve the best GCSE results possible  
Attend Bridging Week and complete summer work provided by teachers

**GCSE RESULTS DAY AUGUST** Collect your results and then contact our 6th Form team to confirm you place and choices

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“Pupils feel well cared for. They receive effective guidance, particularly when choosing options for GCSE and in the Sixth Form.”

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“Teachers' subject knowledge is strong, they use this to question pupils in depth about their learning.”

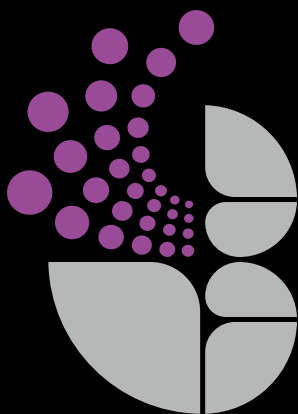
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“Teachers' precise and tailored questioning ensures that pupils engage well with their learning.”

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